

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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2. (*Amended*) The method according to claim 1, wherein one graphical element is active and a keyboard event is detected by an interface, the method further comprising:

comparing said keyboard event to the keys listed in said key lists, starting with the list for the active graphical element and working back up said tree, and

initiating the action associated with the first key corresponding to said keyboard event.

3. (*Amended*) A portable system having a graphical interface comprising a keyboard, a screen and an interface management unit, wherein the management unit employs a method of managing keyboard events according to claim 1.

4. (*Amended*) The system according to claim 3, wherein the system is a mobile telephone.

5. (*Amended*) The system according to claim 3, wherein the system is a pocket organizer.

Please add the following new claims:

6. (New) A method of managing keyboard events for a graphical user interface comprised of hierarchically related graphical elements, the method comprises:

associating each graphical element with a key list, wherein each key list stores a plurality of keys;

associating at least one key listed in each of said key lists with an action; and

receiving a keyboard event corresponding to one of said keys and one of said graphical elements and initiating the action associated with said key and said graphical element.

7. (New) The method according to claim 6, wherein one graphical element is active and a keyboard event is detected by an interface, the method further comprising:

comparing said keyboard event to the keys listed in said key lists, starting with the list for the active graphical element and working back up said hierarchically related graphical elements, and initiating the action associated with the first key corresponding to said keyboard event.

8. (New) A portable system having a graphical interface comprising a keyboard, a screen and an interface management unit, wherein the management unit employs a method of managing keyboard events according to claim 6.

9. (New) The system according to claim 8, wherein the system is a mobile telephone.

10. (New) The system according to claim 8, wherein the system is a pocket organizer.

11. (New) A graphical user interface comprised of hierarchically related graphical elements,
the graphical user interface comprising:

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a key list associated with each graphical element, wherein each key list stores a plurality of
keys;

a plurality of actions, with each action being associated with at least one key listed in each
of said key lists, such that when a keyboard event associated with one of said keys is received, the
action corresponding to the key and the associated graphical element is initiated.

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12. (New) The graphical user interface as claimed in claim 11, wherein at least one of the
hierarchically related graphical elements comprises a parent component and a child component
related to the parent component, wherein the child component inherits the key list of its parent
component.

13. (New) The graphical user interface as claimed in claim 12, wherein, after receipt of a
keyboard event, the key list of the child component is searched before the key list of its parent
component is searched.